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**LAST REHEARSAL**

**DESTRUCTION OF THE UNION SQUARE THEATER.**

Consumed—Loss About \$200,000—  
Damage to the Morton House,  
Theater—Burning of  
and Death Asylum at Full  
and Insurance—Hotel Burned

February 8.—The Union Square  
theater, with all its contents, was destroyed  
this afternoon. The Morton  
house adjoining on two sides  
was damaged, and a  
serious and imminent danger for  
the whole neighborhood. At  
about 1 o'clock a chambermaid in  
the second floor of the Morton House  
was passing through the corridors  
when she noticed a small fire in  
the main hallway. She called  
for help, and the fire was  
extinguished. The fire was  
caused by a gas lamp which  
had been left burning in  
the hallway. The fire spread  
very rapidly, and the theater  
was completely destroyed.  
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ar for fully five minutes was  
ed by that time smoke was  
se hotel. Her cries brought  
ambermaids from their room  
and the guests from theirs. They  
rushed pell-mell down the  
few of them were brushed  
were flung down at the same  
tion for a time was great  
time was lost.  
much hindered by a scarcity of  
a good stairway, and, in  
all, possibility of saving the  
of guests and then cleared  
the way to save the hotel. When  
the theater burned, the  
by the excitement was great.  
and every moment by special  
being sent out.

**FLAMES STARTED**

Some of the top of the roof of  
to be fanned by a brisk south-  
west wind. The roof was  
shavings, and  
theater, and  
sheet-iron partition be-  
hind of the hotel was  
flashed and the mass of fl  
into the stage of the theater.  
The main balcony  
curtains near the theater.  
bers of the "Henrietta"  
minutes before the  
fall to rest.

There was a roaring fire

became so hot that the fire-  
so far from the building that  
ere almost useless. The  
In constant danger, but the  
ved it.

Bill of the Union Square was burning and bright him was Casiano. They thought his escape will amount to little or a million dollars. Over one calls had been sent to MEN INJURED.  
was under control. When the fire was forced to the roof of the building a number of men were fighting the fire from the inside.  
were horrified by hearing screams of agony, and in a moment of frenzied excitement they carrying a number of their own men firemen Frenesi, Asakina, Fireman, and John McQuade and Frank  
by injured by falling fatally it is thought, and New York Hospital.

In Square's Record,  
are one of the best known Metropolitan theaters. It is big which contains the Morton Sheridan Shook leased the house first erected here still to the property. The theater is a variety house and was built. This was about 1890. Shook turned the house over and secured A. M. as first librarian of the New York as manager. Under him at first run a sort of show. After the Chicago notice. Company, which he Kythane made hits in Kate Claxton in e, Mitchell and Charles sprang into fame under the name of "The Two Orphans Across," "Came

daughter" and "Prisoner reduced. The theater then station house and was "pan- Collier until three years ago look it and has since man- remodeled the house and

**FULTON FIRE.**  
n of the Deaf and Dumb  
Asylum.  
POST-DISPATCH.  
February 28.—The Missouri  
Institution was destroyed by  
The flames were first dis-  
cove of the main building  
pread very rapidly to the  
the pupils escaped to places  
ome of the surplus

he building was saved. The \$50,000, but the insurance did not. It was established in 1851. Yesterday stated to-day that the institution would not continue the of the school, be made comfortable and firing will proceed at once. arred at the fire.

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**Sturrah Burned.**  
**Post-Dispatch.**  
1. February 23.—The M. E. City caught fire while there undred.

ing. They were all rescued, a burned to the ground with insured for \$1,000. The fire effective fire.

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**y's Big Blaze.**

POST-DISPATCH.  
bruary 23.—Troy has had  
nflagration. This morning,  
fire was discovered in the  
ade Hotel and the

the hotel and in two hours  
a large brick, capable of ac-  
commodating 150 guests. It was owned and  
occupied by Buswell and did the best  
business in town. It is a severe loss to  
our best possessions. The  
house was on the building, \$1,000  
for the kitchen and dining-room  
and the fixtures of the bar  
parlour. The furniture was  
recruited from the din-  
ing-rooms or rooms in that part of  
the hotel, the wind, who

headly from the north for  
len or it would have been  
a the greater part of the

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**Buildings Burned.**

bruary 25.—Fire broke out  
Great Falls, this morning.  
plete destruction of the  
nstrick and the Marston  
is about \$25,000. Two  
ously injured by fall

the A. F. Shapleigh Hard-  
worth side on Washington  
main and Second street, was  
was but nothing taken.  
m. No. 614 Market street,  
the other eight and two  
at

drop, all valued some,  
these was some, some, some,  
e. all, some, some.

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